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SUBJECT:DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS, TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 1976

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1976. PM, EB, DID NOT SUBMIT
REPORTS.

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1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. DOC MORGAN MOVED OUT SMARTLY
TODAY IN HIS CONTINUED MARKUP OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE
BILL AND WE PROSPERED ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES:

A. KOREA. A FINDLEY AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED WHICH
TOOK ALL OF THE STING OUT OF FRASER'S EFFORT TO IMPEL A
PHASE OUT OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

B. INDIAN OCEAN. A HAMILTON SENSE OF THE CONGRESS
AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED URGING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
SOVIET UNION ON CONTROLLING ARMS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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C. TERRORISM. A WOLFF AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED WHICH

WOULD CUT ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES GRANTING SANCTUARY TO TERRORISTS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO SIMILAR PROVISION IN THE SENATE BILL, AND WOLFF'S WORDING IS SO AMBIGUOUS THAT IT IS LIKELY THIS CAN BE MODIFIED IN CONFERENCE.

D. TOMORROW:

ANTI-SAUDI AMENDMENT. SOLARZ' AMENDMENT, "PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION" IS NOW SCHEDULED TO COME UP TOMORROW MORNING. THREE OF THE FOUR SECTIONS IN THE AMENDMENT ARE ANODYNE PROTESTATIONS ON BEHALF OF PURITY, WITH WHICH WE CAN LIVE, BUT THE FOURTH WOULD REQUIRE TERMINATION OF ANY GRANT LOAN OR SALE TO ANY COUNTRY WHOSE LAWS PREVENT ANY U.S. NATIONAL FROM PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS IN THAT COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, ETC. EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SOLARZ TO DROP THE PENALTY CLAUSE HAVE FAILED, AND WE ARE NOW LINING UP VOTES FOR THE SHOWDOWN. WE WILL CANVASS EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE VOTE. DERWINSKI, FASCELL, HAYS AND ZABLOCKI HAVE ALL PROMISED THEY WILL SUPPORT US. ROY ATHERTON IS TALKING WITH LEE HAMILTON, WHOSE MIDEAST EXPERTISE IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE ON THIS VOTE, AND DOC MORGAN. WHILE IT WILL BE CLOSE, WE ARE GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN DELETE THE OFFENSIVE SECTION.

2. ANGOLA - U.S./NIGERIAN RELATIONS. DICK CLARK PHONED ME THIS MORNING TO REQUEST THAT WE BRING DON EASUM BACK FROM NIGERIA TO TESTIFY ON U.S.-NIGERIAN RELATIONS ON FRIDAY MORNING. CLARK SAID HIS HEARING WILL FOCUS ON THE EFFECT OF THE ANGOLA CRISIS ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE CLAIMS THAT AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO HIM ABOUT THE DETERIORATION OF OUR

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RELATIONS AND THE FATE OF OUR INVESTMENTS IN NIGERIA. HE WAS TOLD THAT EASUM COULD NOT RETURN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF HIS PREPARATIONS FOR CHUCK ROBINSON'S VISIT, BUT THAT BILL SCHAUFELER WOULD BE WILLING TO TESTIFY ON THE SUBJECT.

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3. SPANISH TREATY. EAGLETON PLANS TO MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH IN THE SENATE ON THURSDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE SPANISH TREATY. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN AND ACKNOWLEDGING POLITICAL EVOLUTION TAKING PLACE IN THAT COUNTRY, EAGLETON WILL SAY THAT THE TREATY MUST NOT REPRESENT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRESENT ORDER. HE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE SENATE ADD AN

"UNDERSTANDING" TO THE TREATY EXPRESSING THE HOPE
"THAT THE CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
WILL ADVANCE THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY."

4. INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK/AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

FUND. IN PERFUNCTORY FASHION, THE SFRC TODAY AGREED TO
REPORT OUT THE IDB/AFDF BILL (HR 9721) WITHOUT CHANGE
FROM THE HOUSE VERSION. THE HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENT
REMAINS IN; SENATORS HUMPHREY AND CASE HAD MADE IT
CLEAR THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IT WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO
REDUCE THE \$25 MILLION FOR THE AFDF. WE EXPECT NO
DIFFICULTIES IN THE FULL SENATE VOTE.

5. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED OUT
FAVORABLY TODAY AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE HARGROVE, FAY,
DE PREE AND QUANTON.

6. FSO PROMOTION LIST. THE SFRC IN OPEN HEARING
THURSDAY WILL HEAR AFSA PRESIDENT HEMENWAY AND CYNTHIA
THOMAS WHO OPPOSE THE PROMOTION LIST PENDING BEFORE
THE COMMITTEE. PAT HOLT TOLD ME THAT SPARKMAN FELT
THEY HAD TO GO THROUGH THE MOTION OF HEARING HEMENWAY SINCE
HE REQUESTED IT, BUT THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED.
WE WILL COVER THE HEARING AND REQUEST A HEARING IN
RESPONSE IF IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEM.

7. INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS. THE SENATE GOVERN-
MENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS HEARINGS ON THE
CREATION OF A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. GOLDWATER URGED CONTINUANCE

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OF OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY BY THE EXISTING SUBCOMMITTEE
OF ARMED SERVICES. WHILE HE DID NOT FLATLY OPPOSE A NEW
APPROACH, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SECURITY IF OVER-
SIGHT ACTIVITIES WERE ENLARGED.

8. IEA LONG-TERM PROGRAM. TOM ENDERS COMPLETED TODAY
OUR CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS ON THE IEA LONG-TERM
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. WE HAVE FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT
OBJECTIONS. EVEN OUR AGREEMENT ON A MINIMUM SAFEGUARD
PRICE (MSP) FAILED TO CAUSE HACKLES TO RISE, ONCE WE
EXPLAINED THAT WE PROBABLY WOULD COME BACK TO CONGRESS
IN THE EVENT WE WOULD HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THE MSP.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HUMPHREY TOLD ENDERS HE KNOWS WE HAD TO PROTECT OUR ENERGY AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE MSP COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT EFFORT.

9. KONTOS VISIT WITH OTTO PASSMAN. ALTHOUGH NO GREAT ADMIRER OF FOREIGN AID, PASSMAN TOLD SINAI MISSION DIRECTOR KONTOS TODAY THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIDEAST PACKAGE "BRILLIANTLY NEGOTIATED" BY THE SECRETARY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD FULLY SUPPORT THE SINAI MISSION'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLELE, JR.

BLACK CAUCUS: I MET WITH TWO MEMBERS OF THE BLACK CAUCUS, CONGRESSMAN HAWKINS AND CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE AND A MEMBER OF CONGRESSMAN RANGEL'S STAFF. I DID NOT REALIZE UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT THAT THE MEETING CONCERNED A DISPUTE BETWEEN A BLACK COMPANY, TAW, WHICH HAS A LARGE ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATION IN AFRICA, AND OPIC WHICH CHAIRS THE CREDITORS' GROUP WHICH HELPED FINANCE TAW. SINCE THE MATTER IS UNDER LITIGATION I WAS ABLE TO REMAIN RELATIVELY SILENT. HOWEVER, WE CAN ANTICIPATE AN EFFORT TO INJECT FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS INTO THIS QUESTION.

AMBASSADOR OF GUINEA-BISSAU: AMBASSADOR FERNANDES OF GUINEA-BISSAU CALLED ON ME BEFORE RETURNING HOME FOR
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CONSULTATION. I INFORMED HIM OF OUR INTENTION TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN BISSAU. AS HE DID AT YOUR MEETING WITH THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF US CONTACT WITH THE MPLA. I SAID THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. I TOLD HIM THAT IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA ITSELF THERE WERE TWO THINGS HE SHOULD BE CLEAR ABOUT: (1) THE INTERESTS, PERCEPTIONS AND SECURITY OF ZAM0IA AND ZAIRE WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS. (2) THE USG WAS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION AND WE WOULD BE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SCORE VERY CLOSELY.

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THE TRIP -- I TALKED WITH TERRY TODMAN (SAN JOSE) AND PETE VAKY (COLOMBIA) ABOUT THE CHANGE IN PLANS. COSTA RICA CAN EASILY SHIFT YOUR STOP THERE 24 HOURS. COLOMBIA IS ECSTATIC AT THE PROSPECT OF A VISIT.

OBERDORFER -- I HAD LUNCH WITH DON. LAMENTABLY, HE WILL NOT BE ON THE PLANE WITH YOU. BUT HE IS PERCEPTIVE ABOUT LATIN AMERICA AND WILL DO A GOOD STORY OR TWO BEFORE YOU GO. OVERALL, HE'S A REAL PLUS.

CIA -- BILL LUERS SPENT THE MORNING DISCUSSING FOREIGN POLICY TRENDS WITH A NEW GROUP OF CIA PROFESSIONALS. A BRIGHT GROUP. SOME OF THEM, HOWEVER, FELT THE AGENCY HAD A GOOD RECORD ON PREDICTING COUPS AND SHOULD STAY IN THAT BUSINESS. LUERS STRESSED, AS I HAVE BEFORE, THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO KNOW BEFOREHAND ANYWAY. AND THE RISK OF APPEARING INVOLVED BY TRYING TO ACQUIRE THE INFORMATION IS NOT WORTH IT.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- I CONFERRED WITH OFFICERS AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE FOI ACT TO CERTAIN TYPES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH PAPERS.

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-- I REVIEWED INR DRAFT OF YOUR PROPOSED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE RIBICOFF SUBCOMMITTEE.

-- I, ALONG WITH SCHWEBEL, CONFERRED RESPECTIVELY WITH SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND NOAA LEGAL ADVISER BREWER AND OTHERS ON THE CURRENT APPLICATION OF THE FOUKE CO. TO IMPORT NAMIBIAN FUR SEAL SKINS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAS ADVISED SUCCESSIVE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE THAT SUCH IMPORT WOULD CONFLICT WITH U.S. LEGAL OBLIGATIONS NOT TO TREAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTAL ACTS IN NAMIBIA AS VALID. AFTER EXTENDED INVESTIGATION AND HEARINGS, IT NOW FALLS TO SECRETARY RICHARDSON TO MAKE A DECISION. IN REACHING THAT DECISION, HE WILL WEIGH AMONG OTHER FACTORS, STATE'S REITERATED VIEW THAT IMPORT WOULD NOT BE CONSONANT WITH U.S. OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AS WELL AS OUR POSITION THAT THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972 DOES NOT OVERRIDE THOSE OBLIGATIONS.

-- FELDMAN PREPARED REVISION OF CHURCH AMENDMENT TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT FOR CONSIDERATION BY SENATE STAFFERS. SENATOR PERCY'S STAFF HAS AGREED WITH SENATOR CHURCH'S STAFF ON REVISIONS THAT WOULD RETAIN MANDATORY REPORTING OF AGENTS' FEES ON BOTH FMS AND MUNITIONS CONTROLS TRANSACTIONS BUT WOULD AVOID PREMATURE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND ELIMINATE PROVISION FOR ACCESS TO AGENTS BOOKS. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR A DEPARTMENT POSITION IN THIS COMPROMISE.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH GENERAL DOLVIN TO DISCUSS NEUTRALITY AND NUCLEAR ISSUES RELATING TO THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER A PROTOCOL ON NUCLEAR LIABILITY ISSUES WHICH ENSURES THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE U.S. POLICY OF REFUSAL TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOARD U.S. SHIPS.

EUR - HARTMAN

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GDR RELATIONS. I MET WITH GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER TO PRESENT OUR VIEWS ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF US-GDR RELATIONS. I SAID THE US WAS PREPARED TO BE FORTHCOMING ON SOME PRACTICAL MATTERS, E.G. CALLS BY GDR MERCHANT SHIPS AT US PORTS, EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, BUT THE USG WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION OF A BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT. I STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH THE US WAS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO AGREE TO A GDR TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK AND, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES OF GDR FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK, ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE TWO STEPS WOULD DEPEND UPON RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES AND CONCLUSION OF A CONSULAR AGREEMENT. SIEBER TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE PRESENTATION AND ASKED A FEW CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. THE MEETING WAS FRANK AND FRIENDLY.

PORTUGAL. I HAD A USEFUL TALK WITH PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION ALMEIDA E COSTA. HE IS A CAREER NAVAL OFFICER, A LEADING ANTI-COMMUNIST ON THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND A STRONG OPPONENT OF PORTUGUESE RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. HE BELIEVES THE COMMUNISTS WILL BE THE BIGGEST LOSERS IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, APPEALED FOR WESTERN UNDERSTANDING AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT, AND ASKED US TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE AID FUNDING FOR FARM ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. WE WILL EXPLORE THIS WITH AID. I WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH HIM TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY.

BELGIAN MATTERS. AFTER HAL CALLED TO MY ATTENTION A UPI REPORT THAT BELGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAD SOME UNCOMPLIMENTARY THINGS TO SAY IN AN INTERVIEW ABOUT YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION,

I TOLD BELGIAN MINISTER CAHEN THAT IF THESE REMARKS WERE CORRECTLY REPORTED THEY COULD ONLY BE VIEWED AS BOTH UNFRIENDLY AND UNHELPFUL, AND I HOPED HE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION CAHEN MENTIONED THAT THE
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BELGIAN EMBASSY IS FIRING UP PLANS FOR THE PRIVATE VISIT TO THE US OF KING BAUDOUIN AND QUEEN FABIOLA IN LATE MARCH. THEY WILL SPEND FIVE DAYS AT YALE, BUT ARE NOT EXPECTED TO COME TO WASHINGTON.

OFFSET. DICK VINE CALLED IN FRG MINISTER HANSEN TO PRESENT THE OFFICIAL US RESPONSE TO THE FRG'S PROPOSED DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT ON OFFSET. THE US COUNTERPROPOSAL ACKNOWLEDGES CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION, BUT INDICATES A NEED FOR A SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENT TO THE TRADITIONAL OFFSET PACKAGES, AND MENTIONS ITEMS WHICH MIGHT FORM PART OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

TIME ON WE COMMUNISM. JERRY SCHECTER OF TIME CAME IN TO SEE BRUCE LAINGEN ON A COVER STORY AND ESSAY THEY ARE DOING ON "RED STAR OVER EUROPE."

EA - MR. HABIB

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL - A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL THIS MORNING IMPLIED THAT YOU WERE DISSEMBLING IN YOUR JANUARY 1973 PRESS CONFERENCE. I CALLED ROBERT KLEIMAN OF THE TIMES EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT AND GAVE HIM, IN DETAIL, ALL THE ERRORS IN THE EDITORIAL AND THE STORY, FROM MONDAY'S TIMES, ON WHICH IT WAS BASED. HE HAD NOT WRITTEN THE EDITORIAL BUT UNDERSTOOD WHAT I HAD TO TELL HIM. I ALSO CALLED LES GELB, AUTHOR OF MONDAY'S ARTICLE AND ASKED HIM WHY HE HAD NOT USED THE CORRECT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. HE SAID THAT THE ARTICLE HE SUBMITTED CONTAINED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SPOKESMAN BUT THAT IT WAS CUT IN NEW YORK.

I WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE BECAUSE I FEEL IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KILL THIS STORY AND THE ERRORS IMPLIED IN IT AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE.

THE WASHINGTON POST ACCOUNT WAS BETTER, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF OUR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO BRIEF THE AUTHOR, AND HIS TAKING THE TROUBLE TO BELIEVE US.

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TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW - JERRY SCHECTER WAS IN TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON AN ARTICLE HE IS DOING ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN VIET-NAM. IN OUR BACKGROUND DISCUSSION I TRIED TO GIVE HIM SOME IDEA OF WHAT WE KNOW OF THE SITUATION.

JAPAN EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIALTY STEEL - THE JAPANESE EMBASSY'S MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CALLED ON LES EDMOND TODAY TO LEAVE A NOTE WHICH ASKED THAT THE U.S. NOT APPLY UNILATERAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIALTY STEEL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION. IT ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOJ "IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE." EDMOND INFORMED THE JAPANESE THAT US OFFICIALS WERE STARTING THE PROCESS OF PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAD TO REACH A DECISION BY MARCH 16. EDMOND SAID WE WOULD WELCOME JAPANESE VIEWS AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE GIVEN FULLEST CONSIDERATION.

IO - LEWIS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON COMOROS ISLANDS.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONSULTING INFORMALLY ABOUT THE COMORIAN COMPLAINT AND WILL HAVE A FORMAL MEETING THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 4. THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS ARE PROPOSING A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CALL ON THE FRENCH TO CANCEL THEIR REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, WHICH THE FRENCH WILL CERTAINLY OPPOSE AND WILL WISH OUR SUPPORT. THE FRENCH HAVE INVITED ALL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO OBSERVE THE REFERENDUM, BUT NONE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD BE LIKELY TO ACCEPT.

2. PROPOSED UNDP MEETING IN HAVANA.

THANKS TO BRAD MORSE'S SKILLFUL BEHIND THE SCENES MANEUVERING, THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL HAS FINESSED
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FOR THE TIME BEING A CUBAN PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNCIL TO MEET IN HAVANA IN JUNE. WE HAD MADE CLEAR THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND IF THE MEETING WERE HELD THERE BUT

LEFT THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE TO MORSE AND OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIP.

CUBA WAS ALSO SEEKING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING WHICH JUST OPENED IN GENEVA. THEIR CANDIDACY WAS BLOCKED AT OUR INSTIGATION BY FRIENDLY LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS WHO MANEUVERED THE ELECTION OF AN ECUADORIAN CHAIRMAN INSTEAD. THIS RESULT SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO HANDLE HOSTILE INITIATIVES BY THE CUBANS DURING THE COMMISSION SESSION.

4. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF BRIEFINGS.

WE ARE HAVING A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH STAFFERS FROM THE HILL TO PUT IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE THE ROLE OF OUR NEW OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS. THE MEETINGS ARE GENERALLY GOING WELL.

NEA - MR. ATHERTON

JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SALAH CAME IN TODAY TO REQUEST, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, THAT THE WASHINGTON PART OF KING HUSSEIN'S STAY IN THE UNITED STATES BE MADE A STATE VISIT. THE JORDANIANS ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT, IF HUSSEIN IS NOT ACCORDED STATE VISITOR STATUS FOLLOWING THE SADAT AND RABIN VISITS, THIS WILL BE INTERPRETED IN THE AREA AS A DOWNGRADING BY US OF OUR RELATIONS WITH JORDAN. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU A MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THAT WE ACCEDE TO THE JORDANIAN REQUEST AND ANALYZING WHAT THIS WILL MEAN IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS.

IN COOPERATION WITH H, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ACTIVELY TODAY ON MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO TRY TO HAVE DELETED THE SANCTIONS PARAGRAPH OF THE SOLARZ AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
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ACT WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED TOMORROW AND WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF ANY MILITARY TRANSACTIONS OR PROGRAMS WHERE UNITED STATES NATIONALS HAD BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, RACE, ETC. THIS PROVISION FOR AUTOMATIC SANCTIONS WOULD PRECIPITATE A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION WITH THE SAUDIS THE FIRST TIME IT WAS APPLIED AND WOULD NOT ONLY REVERSE THE HOPEFUL TREND TOWARD A MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO THE VISA PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPING UNDER PRINCE FAHD BUT COULD HAVE MUCH BROADER ADVERSE

FALLOUT FOR US/SAUDI RELATIONS.

I MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH VISITING OMANI MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AL-JAMALI FOR A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF THE SITUATION IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND ARABIAN PENINSULA AREA. DR. JAMALI, WHO IS CLOSE TO SULTAN QABOOS, PAINTED A GENERALLY ENCOURAGING PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OMAN AND IN ITS REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE AREA-WIDE REPERCUSSIONS OF ANY DETERIORATION IN THE ARAB/ISRAELI NEGOTIATING SITUATION.

THE LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR CAME IN TODAY FOR A GENERAL MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING. LUXEMBOURG IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE EC NINE AND HAD REQUESTED THE BRIEFING IN THAT CAPACITY.

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